

MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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Serial No. 09/606,050
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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA
NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

MS: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/606,050, filed on June 29, 2000, entitled COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.



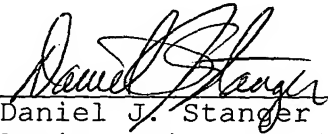
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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/606,050 as originally filed on June 29, 2000.


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